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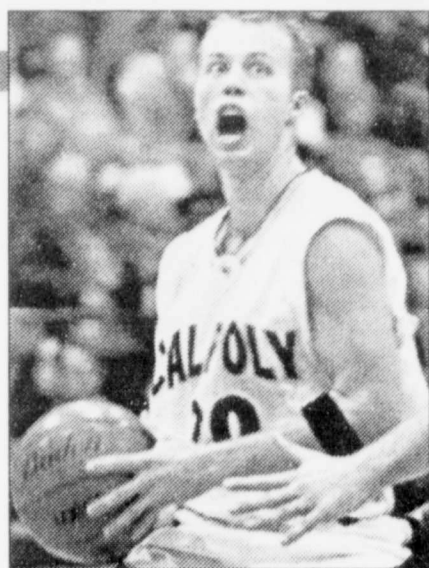
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## UU open 24 hours for finals

By Kerri Holden

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Students cramming for tests will have a 24-hour study area in the University Union during finals week this quarter.

Associated Students Inc. announced that UU lounges and conference rooms will remain open continuously from noon the Sunday before finals week until 8 p.m. Friday, March 17.

"We are very excited to offer this to students because it could prove to

be a much-needed service," said Linda Lee Thoreson, reservations manager.

The purpose of the extended hours is to give students a quiet and familiar environment where they can study around the clock, said Darren Cordova, ASI Programs and Services Committee chairman.

Business freshman Callie Lindahl said she would definitely use the UU during the extended hours.

"I always get a lot of work done in the UU, and it would be awesome if I could stay all night, maybe take a lit-

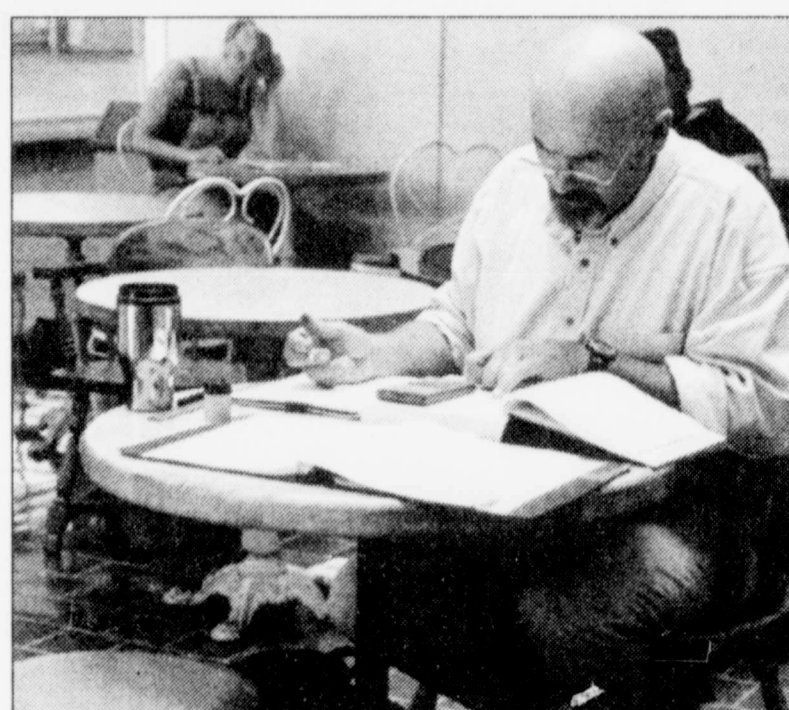
tle nap in between studying," Lindahl said.

ASI experimented with extended UU hours during finals week about four years ago, but Thoreson said the event was not successful.

"It wasn't successful, possibly because not everyone knew it was open," Thoreson said. "This year we're making a concerted effort to get word out to every student on campus."

Organizers are looking into having

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## Resting in peace

These sculptures are projects created by students in upper division art classes. At the end of each quarter, if students do not claim their projects, they are moved to a resting place and accumulate over the years. The sculptures rest between the library and the Dexter Glass Studio.

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## Project to light classes

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly classrooms will be well-lit after this summer when Utility Services will replace all the fluorescent lighting and install new, energy-efficient lights.

Energy and Utility Services Coordinator Edward Johnson said the project, which will cost between \$4 to \$6 million, will also include improvements in classroom heating and air conditioning systems, as well as the installation of water fixtures.

"The whole idea is to physically increase the educational process," Johnson said. "This new technology has become industry standard."

Currently, the flickering of lights in classrooms is very noticeable, Johnson said. He explained that the lights flicker at a pulse of 60 cycles, which makes it easy for the human eye to detect, specifically speed readers and people who suffer from depression.

The new lighting system, invented about 10 years ago, will flicker at a rate of 20,000 hertz, eliminating the pulse of the lights, Johnson said.

As compared to the 96 watts of the current lighting system, the new system will use only 72 watts.

"But they will produce more light and less heat in classrooms," Johnson said.

Johnson compared the renovation of campus lighting to the \$25 million Utilidor project that began in August of 1996. The project is aimed to create a more reliable electric distribution system at Cal Poly. The Utilidor project included changing the heat system from steam to hot water and upgrading the campus water system.

Johnson said the current renovation will basically pick up where the Utilidor project left off. Johnson estimates that it will take approximately one year to complete.

Aside from lighting, some classrooms will also receive occupancy sen-

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## Gay marriages among issues on ballot

By Larissa Van Beurden

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California campuses have hotly debated the legality of gay marriages, one of three controversial issues that will appear on the March 7 ballot.

Voters will also decide the fate of Indian casino rights and the repeal of a cigarette tax.

### Proposition 22

Proposition 22 is just 14 words long. It states, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

Same-sex marriage is currently banned in California. If Proposition 22 passes,

California will not recognize same-sex couples who were legally married in another state.

Proponents of the proposition said the issue is not about hate, homophobia or bigotry. According to a Web site in favor of the proposition, the issue is about preserving the sacred institution of marriage and family. It says the proposition does not take away anyone's rights, or attack any group or a group's families.

Supporters believe homosexuals will continue to have the right to live as they choose, but not to re-define marriage for the entire society.

Opponents say Proposition 22 could give lesbian and gay couples the rights of married couples. These include the right to

visit their sick or injured companion in the hospital, get basic health insurance or inheritance rights.

According to a Web site called No on Knight (named after Sen. Pete Knight, author of the proposition), Proposition 22 is discriminatory, patently unconstitutional, sends the wrong message, and will cost millions of dollars in court to defend. Opponents say the proposition will start a "slippery slope" to discriminate in other areas like employment, housing and health care.

The Web site states that the proposition is government interference in personal life. Opponents say you don't have to support

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### ELECTION



Proposition 22:

legal marriages

Proposition 1A:

right to continue

Indian gaming

Proposition 18:

repeal of 50-cent

cigarette tax



# Religious groups discuss salvation at dorm panel

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

About 75 students attended a two-hour religious forum in Yosemite Hall's main lounge Wednesday evening. The forum presented Protestant, Buddhist and Catholic views, and followers shared their opinions on salvation.

The event was designed to open people to new ideas and to give an understanding of salvation from the viewpoints of a variety of religions, instead of promoting any specific religion or attempting to convert anyone, said history junior Barnaby Hughes, the coordinator of the forum.

The panel was comprised of Brian Kay, a religious studies lecturer at Cal Poly and pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church; Jim Coleman, social science professor, member of the White Heron Sangha, and

author of "The New Buddhism," a book about Buddhism in America; and Michael Deem, a materials engineering sophomore who plans to become a Jesuit, and vehement defender of the Catholic faith. A representative of the Islamic religion was also scheduled but was unable to attend.

Each panel member gave a brief description of his faith as well as the importance of and criteria for salvation within their faith. This was followed by a lengthy question-and-answer period.

The discussion was fairly balanced and good-natured, but it soon turned into a debate primarily between Kay and Deem. Many of the audience's questions regarded the differences between Protestant and Catholic beliefs, leaving Coleman as the quiet man in the middle.

Coleman did, however, have ample opportunity to explain some

basic tenets of Buddhism, such as the belief that everything in the world is connected and nothing is permanent. He said three basic categories of Buddhism are morality, wisdom and meditation. He said the idea of salvation is important to other religions but not relevant to Buddhists, since there is no creator god, and one's rebirth into the next life depends on one's actions in the present life.

The main dispute between the Catholic and Protestant religions revolved around the Catholic belief that salvation is attained by faith in Christ as well as good works, while Protestants believe it is based solely on faith.

"Part of my job is to put on programs, and I'm interested in religion, so I decided to put this together," said Hughes, who is also a resident adviser to Yosemite Hall.



FILE PHOTO/MUSTANG DAILY

The University Christian Center on Foothill Blvd. is an inter-demoninational organization where students can gather for fellowship.

## Students score spots in structure

By Melissa McFarland

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Parking and Commuter Services recently finalized the parking structure's space allocation, and students will get the majority of spots.

The structure will be comprised mainly of 623 general spaces, with 288 spaces given to staff. Space assignments will not be enforced between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. There will be no metered or resident parking, but there will be 20 handicapped spaces.

Cindy Campbell, University Police programs administrator, said spaces for dorm residents were left out for a reason.

"That is more of a safety issue," Campbell said. "If a student comes back at 2 in the morning, it would not be in their best interest to have them a couple levels down, out of view of the general public."

Those kinds of concerns reflect the time that went into the structure's safety.

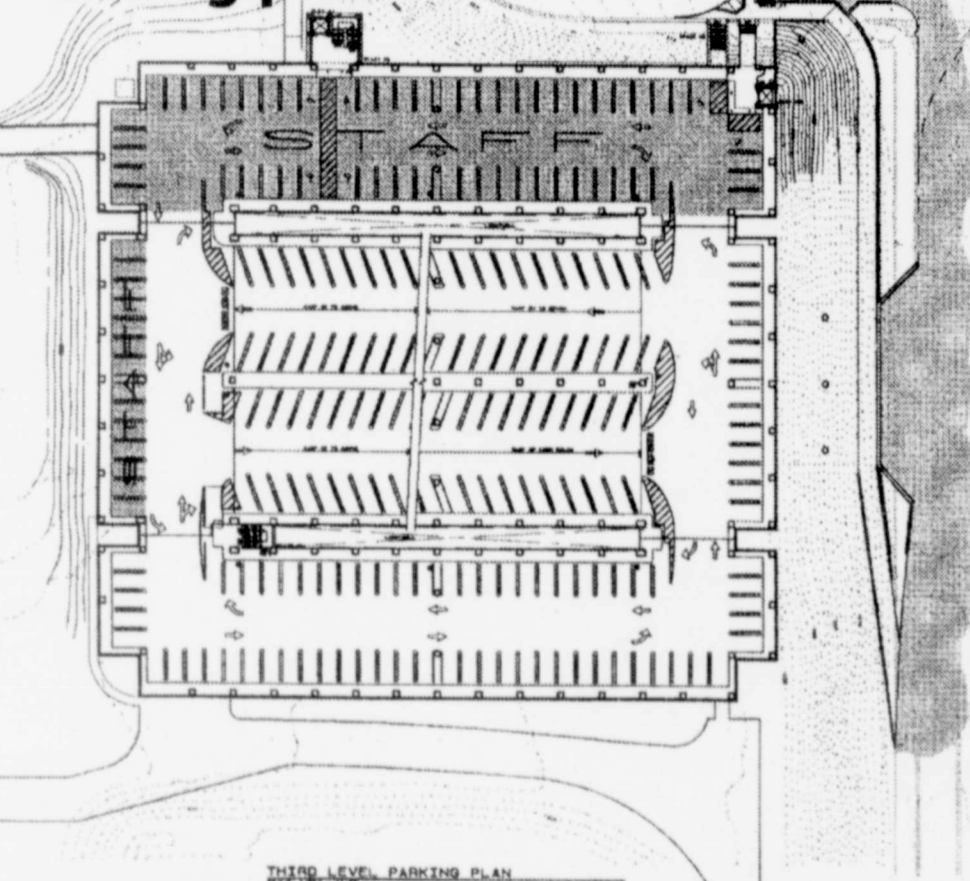
"We are considering personal safety for all users of the structure," Campbell said. "Inherently, people feel less secure in structures, so we have gone to great lengths so that this feels safe and is safe."

Those lengths include blue-light emergency phones on every level, an interior surface that reflects light, glass-backed elevators and strong lighting.

University police staff will patrol the area 24 hours a day, although Campbell said no one will be specifically assigned to the parking structure. There will be no attendant or mechanical arm at the entrance of the structure.

Concerns have also been addressed

### Parking plan



Parking and Commuter Services recently allocated spots at the new parking structure, delayed again until May or June. Spots assignments follow:

Students: 623  
Staff: 288  
Disabled: 20  
Total: 931

to ease event parking confusion.

Depending on the size of the event, students might be allowed into the structure during these times. If not, Campbell said, they will be guaranteed spots in the Grand Avenue surface lot.

"We will be maintaining and policing that area for (students') exclusive needs to force event attendees into the structure so that we have spaces for them," Campbell said.

This comes after students' concerns about not being able to park during events.

"We're trying to address the inequity students feel right now, where we have event attendees using spaces that (students) wish they could use," Campbell said.

For cars already in the structure at the time of an event, "no one is going to chase them out of their space," Campbell said.

Campus event personnel will also be on-hand before and after events to direct traffic.

Barring further delays, the structure should be opened May or June.

the UU is known to be a work and study area.

Besides looking at food services, organizers had to address staffing and safety concerns.

Securing UU building managers for extended hours was a potential problem, as they are students who need to study for their own finals, Cordova said.

Thoreson, who supervises the building managers, said the student-workers have been very accommodating and all of the shifts are covered.

"There will be someone in the building 24 hours to make sure everything's OK," Thoreson said.

Organizers are also looking for

ways to make sure everything is OK outside the UU for people walking to their cars late at night.

"I'd like to have some campus organization, such as a fraternity, escort people to their cars if needed," Cordova said. "We really want to make this a safe and useful service for students."

University Police Sgt. Steve Schroeder said there would not be any additional Community Service Officers assigned for those nights. However, an escort service would be available until midnight, and worried students could call University Police for an escort after midnight.

## LIGHTING

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sors and daylighting control, Johnson said.

Occupancy sensors will judge how many people are in a room and, after 15 minutes, will automatically turn off all lights when no one is there. Daylighting control will also increase or decrease the amount of light depending on what time of day it.

Both these new tools will conserve a lot of energy, Johnson said.

Although funding for the lighting project is still being discussed, Johnson said the project is budgeted from energy savings, or the amount of money the school will save for installing energy-efficient lighting.

Initially, the majority of the money will come from a loan. The remainder will be taken from Utility Savings, an account that is made up of money from the state of California. Until the loan is paid off, the school will not be saving any money, but afterward, the new lights should prove to be cost-efficient, Johnson said.

Unlike the Utilidor project that turned Cal Poly into a construction site, Johnson said the new classroom installations will occur primarily at night and won't affect students or classes.

"Hopefully students won't notice it except when they walk into classrooms and say, 'Hey, there's better lighting in here today,'" Johnson said.

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At the same time, there are some renovation problems that Johnson foresees.

"I can see something like a schedule getting mixed up and someone coming to work on something while a class is in session," Johnson said.

He described a situation when lights were being fixed during finals week and all the lights shut off in one classroom during a test. This problem could occur again if the light sensors aren't properly installed.

But Johnson is positive about the project. He said the renovation will provide higher-quality lighting, lower utility bills and less pollution.

The new lights will also take into consideration the use of classrooms in the future, Johnson said. Soon, every classroom will be connected with the Internet and will have more interactive classes.

The project will take place concurrently with the renovation of classrooms in need of improvements, a project that Utility Services has already begun.

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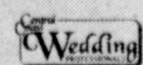
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Five and 10K races offer Cal Poly students a unique opportunity to be involved with neighboring communities.

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## Never-ending adventures in downhill biking

Let me tell you about the nuttiest event I believe I have ever attended, the Beater Bash.

And just what was this cataclysmically neurotic occurrence? As the brainchild of climbing maestro and generally outlandish character Dave McAlister, the Beater Bash was an orgy of downhill biking.

On mountain bikes, right? Oh no, that would be entirely too, well, normal. The idea, as the name implies, was to find a hunk o' junk clunker, cart it to the top of Shooters in a car, then descend like mad, trying not to fall off any cliffs along the way. (It's happened.)

I knew it was going to be insane when Dave showed up in a non-matching plaid suit six sizes too small riding an old road bike with chopper handlebars taller than his head. (He then proceeded to ride down the stairs next to the climbing wall.) I felt underdressed in only a pink kayaking helmet and shorts pulled up to my armpits.

The cache of beaters assembled was astounding. Included were a couple of rusted-out cruisers, one of which started with a flat, and a bike with no breaks (keep in mind that shooters is a technical single track ride).

Well, it didn't take me long to eat @#\$. About two minutes into the ride, I attempted to pass the flat tire cruiser, forgetting that my breaks weren't so hot, and went head-long into a boulder. Oh course, the two riders behind me couldn't stop and went right over my bike.

The damage? Flat tire, severely bent rim, broken spoke. No worries, it was the Beater Bash. I simply popped my back break so that the tire would spin and rode on the rim.

I survived, but many bikes didn't (especially the cruiser that was repeatedly thrown off the trail onto the rocks below). Juvenile, maybe, but this annual event gave me more than my dose of fun for the day.

Jason Schaller is a chemistry junior who writes a weekly column for Get Out.



Jason Schaller

## Local races offer volunteer opportunities

Megan Shearn

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The flyer read, "Great entertainment, food and lots of fun." But there was one catch. It was for a 5K/10K race. How could there possibly be "fun" in running 3 miles?

Luckily, whether it be a 5K race, triathlon or biathlon, other activities are offered for interested participants. You don't have to be a runner simply to enjoy them. Try becoming an avid spectator of races. A spectator can enjoy the perks of race activities minus the exertion.

In outside race activities, an adrenaline rush hangs in the air. Cheering runners to the finish line can be just as exciting as crossing it yourself.

"It's really exciting to see people finish, to see them accomplish something they've worked hard at," said Richard Ogden, recreation supervisor for San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department.

The SLO Parks and Recreation Department offers a beginner triathlon every July.

Clothing stands sell goods including run-

ning apparel and sunglasses. Local bands offer entertainment, and children can watch clowns make balloon animals.

Additionally, there are many activities for spectators at the Cuesta Biathlon on April 9.

"This is a good race for spectators," said Warren Hanson, director of physical education and athletics at Cuesta College. "There will be pizza and fresh fruit from Jamba Juice. Red Bull will be handing out free samples, and hopefully a massage therapist will be on hand."

The race, a 10K run followed by a 40K bike ride, offers spectators the chance to watch competitors at different points during the race. The exchange between running and biking is often interesting.

Stan Rosenfield, a member of the San Luis Obispo Distance Club, finds that a race's location can make the difference for spectators.

He recommends the Martin & Weyrich Winery race in Paso Robles on April 2, or the Friends of the Library race this Saturday at Shamel Park in Cambria. Spectators can enjoy getting outside and help support a healthy lifestyle.

"Both (places) are very good for spectators. There is lots going on," Rosenfield said. "You can watch people finish or just have a nice day out. The Central Coast location makes for great, pretty races."

Many non-profit groups use races for fundraisers. The MS Walk or Run 5K/10K race is April 9.

"There is always volunteering," said Jeff Hobert, special events coordinator for the MS Society. "You can serve food, do registration and accounting, or hand out medals. It's a chance to learn about a group and find out what you can do to help," he said.

Hobert said there can never be too many volunteers. Extra help can direct runners on the route and cheer them on.

"It's always nice to hear people cheer around that 5 mile mark," Hobert said.

The race will also offer a health fair. Spectators can find out their blood pressure, cholesterol and learn tips to stay healthy.

For information on becoming a volunteer call 1-(800)-FIGHTMS. To find out about the above races or any future events log on to [www.racegate.com](http://www.racegate.com) or the SLO Distance Club Web site, [www.m\\_cad.com/slde](http://www.m_cad.com/slde).

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same-sex marriage to be against Proposition 22; voters should just respect others' privacy and not single out one group.

### Proposition 1A

Proposition 1A is a constitutional

amendment that allows Indian gaming in California. It will allow California Indian tribes to continue regulated gaming on federally designated reservation lands. If the proposition doesn't pass, tribal gaming in California could be shut down.

Indian tribes say that the passage of the measure could provide jobs, fund education, help them to develop economically, preserve their culture and

provide housing and health care programs for their tribal members. They say the casinos help them stay off of welfare and out of extreme poverty.

Proposition supporters say they will ensure that revenues from Indian gaming are shared with non-gaming tribes to support a variety of needed services. They say it will also protect the economic benefits that Indian gaming provides California, including 50,000 jobs for Indians and non-Indians.

According to the Web site, the state will have a new role in the regulation in Indian gaming and put into state law regulatory procedures and health and safety standards for all Indian casinos. Under Proposition 1A, Indian tribes will be allowed to offer slot machines, house-banked card games and lottery games. The tribes may operate no more than 2,000 machines and have no more than two casinos.

Opponents of Proposition 1A say it will "throw open the floodgates of gambling in California." They say California will become too much like Las Vegas.

According to the Web site called "Stop 1A - no casinos," Proposition 1A is a "massive explosion in all types of gambling."

The Web site states that local governments and citizens will get no input on the location of the casinos. It would also immediately double the number of slot machines in California and would put no restrictions on

casino advertising.

Opponents say tribes are presently looking for more land to build casinos, and if Proposition 1A passes, there will be no control over future casino restrictions.

### Proposition 28

Proposition 28 would repeal Proposition 10, passed by voters in 1998. Proposition 10 imposed a 50-cent tobacco tax on each pack of cigarettes.

More than \$6 million a year is collected from this tax, which goes to children's health and developmental programs, including child care, health care, prenatal care and preschool education.

Ned Roscoe, owner of the chain Cigarettes Cheaper!, initiated Proposition 28. Roscoe said Proposition 10 and the money it generates represent the birth of a new bureaucracy, one that would substitute government programs for traditional parenting.

A Web site sponsored by the Cigarettes Cheaper! committee to pass Proposition 28 states that the money has been wasted so far and none has been spent on children's programs. The site said the money is being used to "run people out of business" and actually does more harm than good.

Backers of the repeal measure complain the tax unfairly forces smokers to fund programs unrelated to smoking.

James Pierce works at the Cigarettes

Cheaper! store in Arroyo Grande. He said the taxation is unfair because only 25 percent of the population smokes, and 25 percent cannot win an election.

Pierce said he hasn't seen anybody quit smoking because of the tax. He also said the tax has actually helped his business because his store sells cigarettes for less.

Opponents of Proposition 28 say the repeal of Proposition 10 would take away millions in funding and harm public health.

Dr. Steve Hansen of San Luis Obispo said in the first six months of the tax, there has been a 30 percent decrease in smoking.

Hansen said San Luis Obispo County will get about \$2.5 million from Proposition 10 taxes.

In 1998, 18.4 percent of the state's adults smoked, according to the Tobacco Control Section of California's Department of Health Services. During the same period, state Board of Equalization figures show per capita consumption declined 45 percent, from 112.6 packs per year to 61.3.

According to a Web site against Proposition 28, by keeping this tax and continuing the trend of fewer smokers, the state will save hundreds of millions of dollars in future health-care costs.

For more information on state proposition, visit the Secretary of State's Web site at [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov).

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# The issue: Voting in the primaries

## Time is not an issue here

## Vote with discretion only

You're too busy. You're uninformed. Your vote won't count and besides, you don't really care who wins elections or what propositions pass or fail. Sound familiar?

Unless you're under 18, not a U.S. citizen or have been convicted as a felon, you have no excuse for not voting.

According to the California Voter Foundation Web site, the No. 1 reason people give for not voting is they're too busy.

This has got to be one of the worst excuses someone could give for not caring about their country. With all the options available for voting today, everybody can take a few minutes out of their busy schedules to read up on the issues. Sample ballots are sent to every registered voter that show what measures and candidates will appear on your ballot. Take time to review the issues and candidates and figure out who you want to vote for. By looking through this sample ballot, going to the polls on election day will take fewer than 10 minutes.

In addition, there are "absentee" ballots, also known as voting by mail. About 20 percent of California's voters cast absentee ballots. Anyone is eligible to vote by mail and may return the ballot by mail or take it to any polling place on election day. I don't think anyone is so busy that they can't sit down for a few minutes and look over the issues.

I've also heard the excuse, "I don't know the issues, so I wouldn't be helping anybody if I vote uninformed."

Get informed, people! The media have reported for months on issues — just turn on the news during the day or pick up a paper. Read articles or letters to the editor to see what people are saying. It won't take up too much of your time, and you'll know what's going on in the world around you.

The easiest excuse for people to argue is that their one vote won't really make a difference in an election. While it's true that one vote won't make or break an election, if you add up all the people who don't vote for this reason, you could definitely change the election's outcome.

Stop thinking of yourself as just one measly individual, and start thinking of yourself as a person who can join a group and make a difference.

A terrible mistake people make when not voting is when they say they don't care who wins the election or what proposition passes, and it's not like they're going to be affected in any way.

That's wrong. There are several very important issues on the upcoming March 7 ballot that could impact your life.

Do you like to go to Indian casinos or want them gone? Vote "no" on Proposition 1A and they could be shut down.

Are you for or against recognizing gay marriages in California? Proposition 22 will have a huge impact on many people's lives, both those for and against it.

Are you a smoker? Or do you hate breathing in second-hand smoke? Vote "yes" on Proposition 28 to get rid of the tax. Vote "no" to keep a 50-cent per-pack tax on cigarettes and save millions of dollars for children's programs.

These are just a few of the propositions, not including the very important presidential primaries.

So vote this Tuesday or register for November's election. Stop the excuses and make a difference!

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Voting day. You walk into the small dark booth and hold a pencil tightly in your hand. With the ballot in front of you, you frantically bubble in your votes. You vote for propositions you've never heard of and initiatives you don't understand. Presidential campaigns and elections have been the last thing on your mind. So you vote for the best-looking candidate or the one with the most appealing name. Dropping your ballot in the box, you feel like you've made a change, a difference. You've practiced your right and your responsibility just like MTV's "Rock the Vote" told you to.

If you fit this description in any way, your vote does more harm than good.

Voting is a waste of time if the votes that are cast are ignorant votes. Voting is our right as U.S. citizens, but it is not our responsibility. It is only a responsibility if the person voting is responsible enough to learn the issues at hand.

If someone is not going to take the time to learn the issues of an election, then why would they take the time to go to the polls and vote?

It's because society and the media says, "You must vote no matter what. It is your responsibility, and if you don't, you're letting down the United States of America."

(That is not a direct quote, but I think it's somewhat accurate.)

I think it lets the United States down more if someone casts a vote ignorantly. Individual votes make a difference. Not a huge difference, but they make a difference. Probably half the people who walk out of those voting booths won't even know what kind of difference they made.

With the way that most propositions are worded, it takes some time to really understand what they are saying. Five minutes in the voting booth does not suffice. Some people may vote "yes" on a proposition that they actually don't agree with because they didn't take the time to read the fine print.



*MILYtax* by Brett F. Johnson

What a waste of time!

If someone simply votes because they feel that society would find them unacceptable if they didn't, it's foolish. It would not be foolish if the person feeling this way knew the issues at hand and was prepared to cast an intelligent vote.

Casting an ignorant vote just guides public opinion in the wrong direction.

Outcomes of elections are not accurate. Too many people go to the polls with mindsets like the ones I have described above.

We are lucky to have the right to vote, so why doesn't everyone take advantage of the opportunity? Because many Americans take it for granted.

That's fine. If you are one of those who take it for granted, just don't vote.

If you go to the polls to meet a societal expectation, just don't vote.

If you don't know Proposition 22 from Proposition 18, just don't vote.

If you vote for Bill Bradley because he used to play for the New York Knicks, just don't vote.

If you learn the issues and prepare yourself to make an informed intelligent decision, vote.

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"He'd make a good chick."



## Mustang Daily responds to liberal-bias accusations

### Editor's note:

The following letters express the views of the authors, and not necessarily the entire Mustang Daily staff.

### Editor,

Thank you for the enlightenment, Mr. Tamas. You really taught (notice how "taught" is spelled correctly) everyone a valuable lesson.

The lesson: Mustang Daily allowed your inane ranting to last way too long.

Because I am the managing editor of the Mustang Daily and have been involved with this newspaper for nearly three years, I'd like to give readers the facts about the Mustang Daily, something you won't find in any of Tamas' columns.

Unlike Tamas, I believe in backing up my points with proof, proof missing from his March 2 Mustang Daily column. Note, these are Tamas' comments before the Mustang Daily edited it:

First, Tamas states, "The Daily's filtering of the editorial pages for a one-sided show on issues." Besides not being a complete sentence, it is simply not true. Of the Mustang Daily editorial staff who participates in the voting process, five are Republicans and three are Democrats. As for determining who writes a weekly column on the opinion page, it is determined by me, the opinion editor and the editor in chief. Two of us are Republicans.

This could be the source of the problem. We tried so hard to present both views that we allowed poor writing into our paper, despite the reader complaint list spilling well over the 250 mark. For that, I sincerely apologize.

I would really love to see a Republican write a weekly column. But he or she must have command over the English language and present interesting thoughts coherently. Mustang Daily will leave the partisan bashing for the politicians

themselves.

Tamas, you claim that "through several personal experiences with The Tribune, New Times and the Daily, I find they won't admit their own liberal bias — and trust me, it's there!"

Why should anyone trust you? Once again, you don't provide any proof, and you haven't ever convinced me of being a trustworthy person.

Also, you complain that you only have the Mustang Daily to vent your frustration because "the Liberals elsewhere refuse to print my opinion!" You say it is because "they don't like my views and won't give me equal time." Let me present another, more likely reason you can't get your views printed: They aren't worth reading.

Mustang Daily has been debating this issue for months now. We all agreed Tamas can't write, but if we don't run his column, are we censoring free speech or being good editors? This issue is very dear to me and to the rest of the editorial staff, and there was no easy answer at first. But as each Tamas column appeared, the decision became easier and easier.

So, Tamas, your grand conclusion on this complicated issue is that Mustang Daily is liberal. Thanks for clearing everything up for us.

By the way, the Mustang Daily is looking for a Republican to write a weekly column.

Joe Nolan is a journalism senior and a Republican and would love to know why people write things without checking facts.

### Editor,

Once again Tamas Simon has reared his ugly head, claiming to expose the biased media oppressing his conservative propaganda ("Media bias reared its ugly head yet again," March 2). The only thing Simon's column proves is just

how low someone can stoop into the depths of stupidity.

Simon, working for the cause of "freedom of speech" to spread his nonsense, attacks the local media, including the Mustang Daily, for being too liberal. Tamas, I know you can't spell, but can you read? This paper is far from liberal. In fact, the only outcries I have heard regarding the Daily's political agenda are in reference to your soapbox column where you sling mud every week.

This week's column is not only filled with Simon's usual conservative whining, but it also includes his feeble attempts to attack the very newspaper (and might I note, the only newspaper) willing to print his crap. And just as he fails to use the word "irony" properly, Simon fails to prove any media bias at this newspaper, not to mention any of the other publications he thinks are against him.

The only paranoid allegation even worth responding to is the one where Simon dramatically reveals that the Daily denied printing his last column (gasp!). Just like every other one-sided accusation penned by Simon, this is another worth a little fact-checking. The editor chose not to run Simon's last column because Simon was attempting, yet again, to impress his Republican cohorts by praising Mike Ryan and bashing David Blakely. Try writing something halfway interesting and original, Tamas, then see if the media gives you "equal time."

I will agree with one statement Simon wrote, "the conservatives are stuck up the creek without a paddle" when they have people like him representing their party. Don't fret, Tamas, your career in politics might not be hindered by your lack of intelligence. Dan Quayle made it all the way to vice president.

Whitney Phaneuf is a journalism senior and a Democrat and would love to know why people write things without checking facts.

## Letters about the Gazettes

### Editor,

Brian Milne's Feb. 28 letter, "Understanding full truth," shows a lot of angst over a situation that warrants angst. It isn't easy living by a set of principles when you have bills to pay. It's even harder to put those principles on the back burner out of a sense of responsibility to those bills. Society gives a lot of lip service to principles, but principles don't stand up in court when the bill collector comes calling.

When the Gazette events blew up in our faces, Brian wanted to quit immediately, but hesitated. A whole bunch of people at the Gazettes share his hesitation. It doesn't make them lesser people. Life presents us with some pretty tough choices, and quitting a job with no prospects on the horizon is one of the tougher ones. On the scale of tough choices, it's right up there with leaving a relationship while you still care for the person involved. A certain amount of hesitation makes perfect sense.

Brian's hesitation ended on Wednesday when he turned in his resignation.

As one of the first "Gazettes" to jump ship, I'd like to offer the students at my alma mater some free advice (guess you know what this is going to be worth) regarding living a life of principle:

1. Define your ethical limits as carefully and completely as possible IN ADVANCE. You need to know going in exactly what you're willing to compromise on and where you must draw indelible lines.
2. Question potential employers carefully about their ethical stance. Don't expect them to be completely honest with you. Ethics, like the weather, means little more than polite conversation to many people.
3. Learn to live with disappointment. There are more David Weyrichs and Todd Hansens in the world than any of us care to admit. Each of you will work for people like them at one time or another in your career.
4. Prepare for flight. When I walked out of the Atascadero Gazette two weeks ago, I had no bills, a low-profile lifestyle and enough cash in the bank to last me for at least six months. Walking was an easy decision for me. I didn't have to consider the financial implications. Many who left the Gazettes did so under much more trying financial circumstances. They're the real heroes. Brian just turned into one of the heroes himself.

Ron Bast is the former Atascadero Gazette editor.

### Editor,

I'd like to thank Kevin Cumblidge for his intellectual response (March 1) to my letter to the editor regarding the Gazettes' new anti-gay, anti-lesbian, anti-abortion policy (Feb. 28).

If the Mustang Daily would have ran my letter in its entirety, our physics senior friend would have read that I was going to tell the paper to "shove it" (my reporting position), like they'd done with their papers in your mailbox. But the Daily acted like a real paper and edited my piece responsibly. Meanwhile, my letter of resignation was sitting on my boss's desk before Cumblidge even thought about trying to take some cheap shots at me because I obviously don't know anything about journalism or principles.

As for not sticking up for my principles, I have been knocking myself out on the inside trying to show

Weyrich what he is doing is wrong. I have written to every news outlet in the state, every teacher and coach at Atascadero High School (to explain these principles and why I did not agree with the policies at the paper), instructors here on campus and every organization I could possibly think of. I have stood up for my principles at every single meeting and dinner this community has put together in an effort to talk about the issues regarding the Gazettes, while keeping an open mind during this whole fiasco.

I will be the first to agree it is wrong to go all out and attack Weyrich. We must respect his views and his beliefs, although I was hoping he would have a change of heart and cover both sides of the issues like a real paper would. Everyone has their own opinion and I respect that, but he is in the wrong particular business if he is going to continue to stick by these principles.

But thanks to readers like Cumblidge, if he can even read (because he failed to comment on any of the issues raised in the Feb. 28 Daily), the advertising at the Gazettes is at an all-time high and Weyrich and his puppet Todd Hansen won't even listen to the editorial staff. It's all about the dollar for them.

So what's next for the Gazettes? Look in the window at the Carlton Hotel in Atascadero and you will see a Weyrich Developing Co. Inc. sign in the window, right next to his vote for Mike Ryan sign. An ethical question that hasn't even been raised yet. Everyone likes to point the finger at the anti-gay, anti-abortion policies because that's what grabs the public's attention. Still, none of the media outlets have touched on the real issues of journalism ethics.

It's only going to get worse. If he can get away with his new policies and get away with contributing to Ryan's campaign (through money he's contributed through other organizations), what is he going to do next?

Journalism instructor Marvin Sosna hit it right on the nose in his letter to the editor on Wednesday. These editorial practices have been going on for a very long time. There is no such thing as an objective newspaper.

It would be a different story if Weyrich noted his policy on the front page of his rag and stopped force-feeding it into every single mailbox in the county. If he is going to completely ignore parts of the community, he needs to take subscriptions from Christian heterosexuals who want to read his trash and stop bragging to his advertisers that his paper goes out to the entire community.

Sandra Duerr, vice president and executive editor at the Tribune, touched on the topic at Tuesday night's media group discussion. "We have a social responsibility to the community," she points out.

"Way-rich" is not living up to that responsibility. The panel of the Central Coast's finest media leaders agreed that news coverage affects the life and health of all of us. News is not just another business, which is why the media is singled out by the First Amendment of the Constitution. We have to act in the public's behalf and present unfettered news coverage to the entire community. As journalists, we are obligated by the duty of fidelity to honor our implied contract with the public.

Brian Milne is a journalism junior and a former Atascadero Gazette sports-writer.

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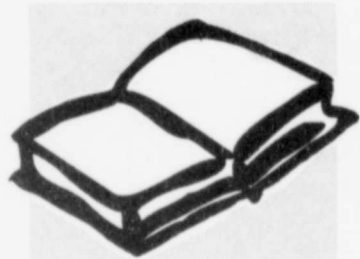
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## WOZNIAK

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ment, despite being predicted to win it.

"I'll always cherish the personal aspect and the wins we had here," Wozniak said. "But there is that blemish that I never got to the post-season. Growing up in Indiana watching Purdue and Indiana, I just assumed that the postseason was just part of college basketball. But it's darn hard to make it to where those teams are playing on television and in the Tournament every year."

Some of the blame for not making the postseason was pointed at Wozniak. Head coach Jeff Schneider reduced the school's all-time leading scorer's playing time. "Not enough defense" and "forcing too many shots" were Schneider's explanations.

This season, the Mustangs' focus became the inside game, away from the 3-point bombing image that Wozniak helped create for Cal Poly.

"At times I think we could have had more balance," Wozniak said. "I think players and coaches have different preferences at different times and we haven't always all agreed on that."

The shift in offensive focus is something that didn't mesh with Wozniak's mentality.

"I've always wanted to be the main focus or one of one of the main focuses of the team," Wozniak said. "I want to know that what I did helped the team win."

It's this competitive nature that created some conflict with Wozniak, the player who had led the team for

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**Mike Wozniak**  
senior guard

two years, and Schneider, who is publicly held accountable for wins and losses.

"Early in my career we were on the same page. I think we've always had an understanding of what the other person has wanted. It hasn't always worked out, and there has been conflict. But overall, it's been mostly positive. I'm not going to lie, there have been down times, but that goes along with any player that is expected to lead a team."

But despite the ups and the downs, Wozniak's numbers speak for themselves. And beyond the personal statistics, Wozniak has done something more lasting: He has created a strong foundation for the future of Cal Poly basketball.

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## PITCHERS

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spring training is that pitchers get a chance to step up to the plate and hit.

"I haven't hit since sophomore year in high school," he said.

Zirelli would be lucky to join his heroes Greg Maddux and Roger Clemens in the major leagues.

Jeremy Cunningham, also originally from the Bay Area, was drafted in the fourth round. Last year he had 96 strikeouts, the eighth best in Cal Poly history. His overall ERA at Cal Poly was 5.99.

"This is my first spring training," Cunningham said. "You always hear about spring training growing up and now I'm going to be taking part in it. It's pretty exciting."

He explained that only 3 percent of all minor leaguers actually make the big league.

"You have to work your butt off and have good luck," Cunningham said. "If you work hard, the better your chances get."

He says that he looks up to pitcher Orel Hersher because he has a similar pitching style, and he respects the fact that Hersher is very religious.

Zirelli and Cunningham both anticipate being back at Cal Poly next winter quarter to continue their education.

"Both of these guys have a great opportunity ahead of them," Cal Poly head coach Ritch Price said. "They're outstanding young men and outstanding pitchers."

Price said that if they put up good numbers, they both have a chance to move up in the organization.

"I'm really proud of them," Price said. "They're living the dream."

## High school wrestlers arrested in hazing incident

TRUMBULL, Conn. (AP) — High school wrestling is often about pain and endurance. The grueling practices, the struggle to meet a target body weight and the exhausting regimen of stair-climbing and weightlifting weed out the weak and the undisciplined.

But a group of Trumbull High School wrestlers are accused of taking things much too far.

A 15-year-old Trumbull wrestler was allegedly hogtied, pushed into a wall, stuffed inside a locker and held down while teammates forced the handle of a plastic knife into his rectum.

Eight members of the 15-member team have been arrested — three of them as adults on assault and conspiracy charges that could bring them, in some cases, more than five years in prison.

Hillary Bargar, one of the prosecutors who is handling the cases against the wrestlers charged as juveniles, said "hazing" is an inadequate description of the attacks.

"You should call it what it is, and that would be a pattern of assault and harassment," she said. "This is not cute. This is not 'boys will be boys.'"

Prosecutors won't say what they believe the motive was.

The boy told police that after joining the team in December, he and two other new wrestlers were

repeatedly hazed. The names of the victims have not been released.

The two other boys were allegedly hogtied with trainer's tape. One was thrown into the shower, while the other was covered in garbage, the 15-year-old told police.

The 15-year-old boy's parents complained to school officials and police on Feb. 2, a day after his right knee was severely injured when he was allegedly thrown against a wall by his teammates.

The allegations shocked students and parents. Several students said they thought hazing was limited to childish locker room pranks.

"When I was there, I never heard about anything like this," said Tom Witkowski, a 1997 graduate who played on the football team his freshman year.

"A lot of people are upset about it," said Dennis Mirochnik, a sophomore. "It's sad. It was something that should not have been done."

Lawyers for the accused wrestlers say Trumbull High officials have known about hazing for years. In the 1999 yearbook, the departing captains of the wrestling team urged their teammates to carry on "the tradition" of "hogtying."

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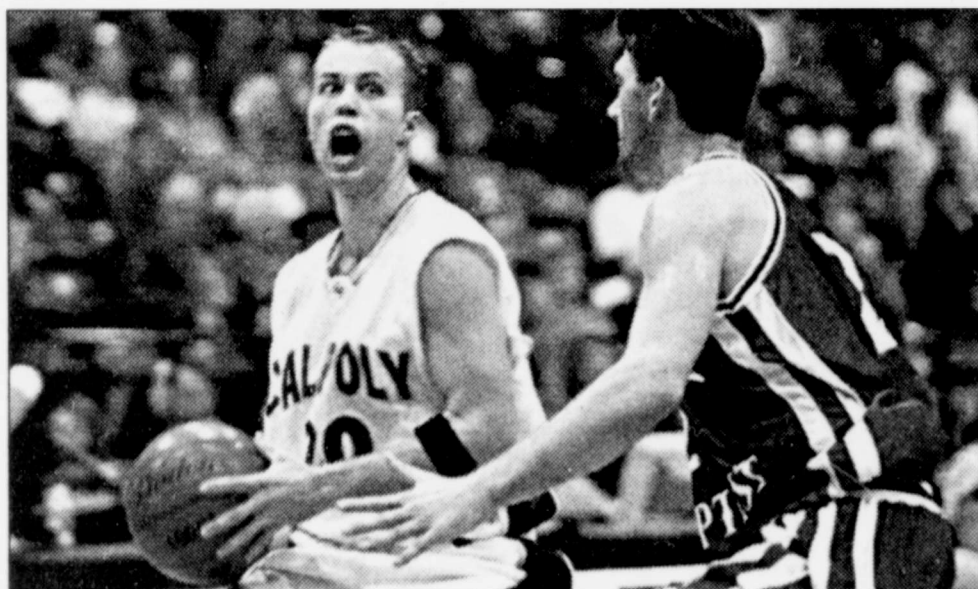
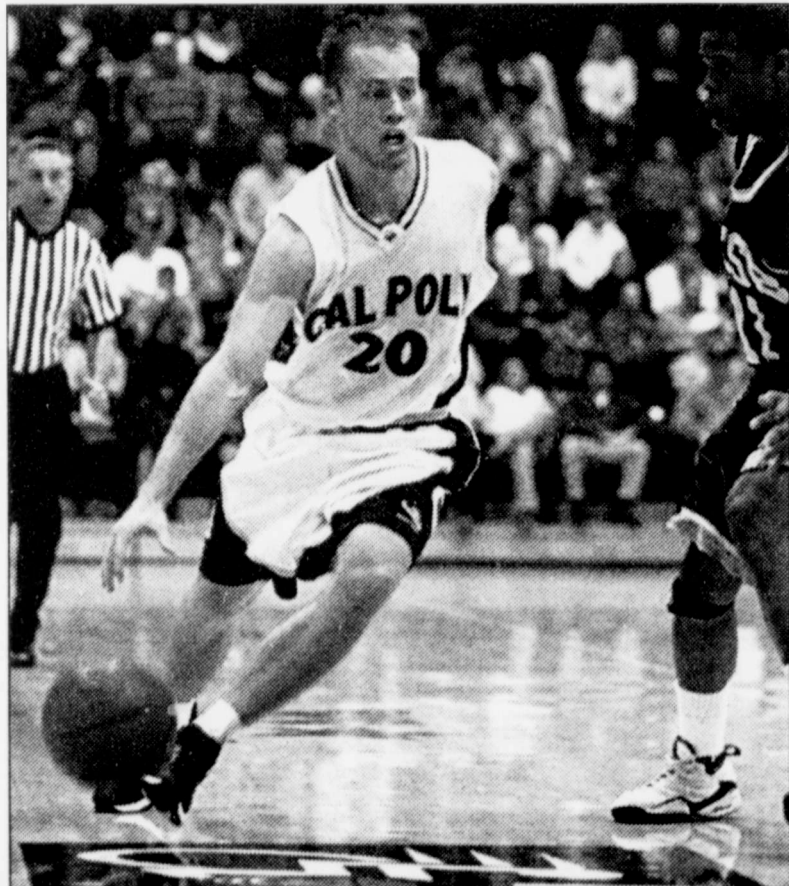
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# The end of Woz's World

Senior shooting guard Mike Wozniak will compete in his final home game Saturday vs. Long Beach State. Wozniak will finish his career as the all-time leading scorer in Mustang history.

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## Cal Poly says goodbye to its all-time leading scorer

By Joe Nolan  
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

Calling a basketball player a bricklayer is rarely a compliment. In this case, it may seem particularly odd considering the player that term is describing is Cal Poly's all-time leading scorer. But as senior Mike Wozniak's splendid collegiate career probably comes to an end Saturday, the bricks he has laid to the foundation of Cal Poly Division I basketball may outshine his terrific personal stat sheet.

Saturday, the Long Beach State 49ers come to Mott Gym for the final Big West Conference game of the year. It will also be the final home game for Wozniak, the team's only senior.

It has been an interesting ride for Wozniak since his freshman year in 1996. Coming to San Luis Obispo from Carmel, Indiana, Wozniak wanted a good education and a chance to play. He scored 12 points and made three of six 3-pointers in his first college game, a mere glimpse into what he would give the Mustangs for the next four years.

Wozniak will finish his career seventh all-time in the Big West in points scored. He needs 10 3-pointers in the last two games to become the conference's all-

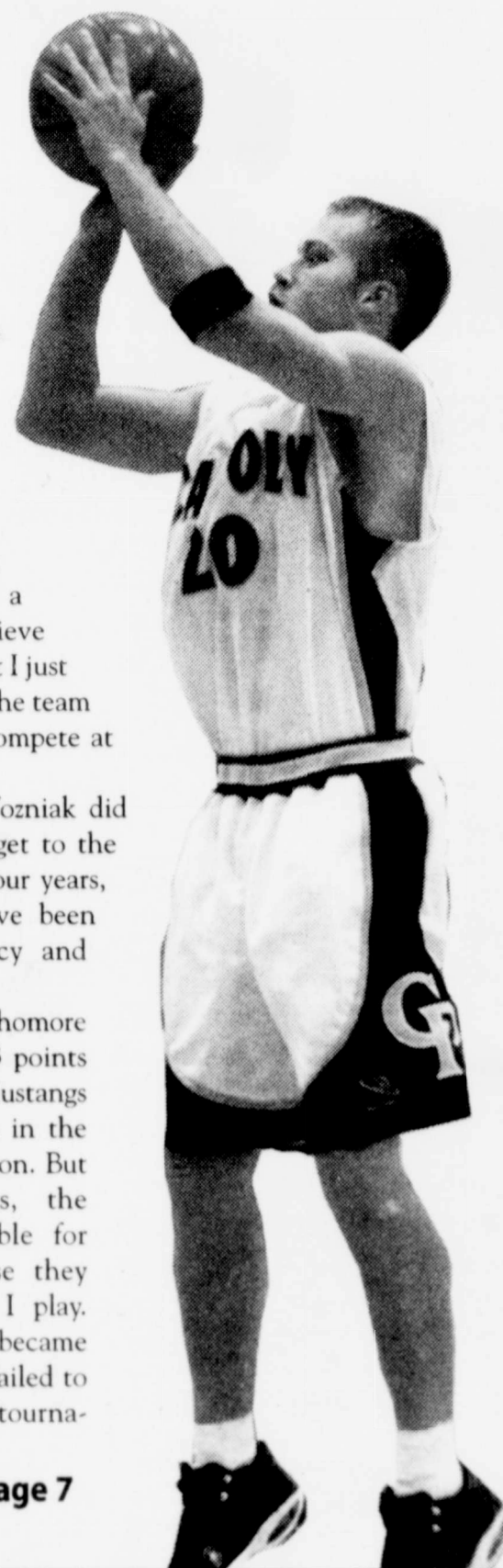
time leader in career 3-pointers.

"I would be lying if I said I knew I was going to set all of those records," Wozniak said. "I did know I had a mentality to help me achieve some of these records, but I just wanted to contribute to the team and show that I could compete at this level."

One of the things Wozniak did expect was to win and get to the postseason. During his four years, Wozniak's Mustangs have been marred by inconsistency and unfulfilled expectations.

During Wozniak's sophomore season, he averaged 20.3 points per game and led the Mustangs to a second-place finish in the Big West Western Division. But due to NCAA rules, the Mustangs were ineligible for postseason play because they were new to Division I play. However, the Mustangs became eligible last season and failed to make the conference tourna-

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## Former Mustang pitchers headed to Giants camp

By Jayson Rowley  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Former Cal Poly baseball pitchers Mike Zirelli and Jeremy Cunningham will soon be playing with the big boys, leaving Friday for the San Francisco Giants' spring training camp in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Zirelli, originally from San Jose, was selected in the 23rd round by the Giants in last June's amateur draft. He is second on Cal Poly's all-time strike-out list with 290 overall. Zirelli's career earned run average is 4.92.

"Jeremy and I have been throwing, running and lifting to prepare for

spring training," Zirelli said. "We think we're ready."

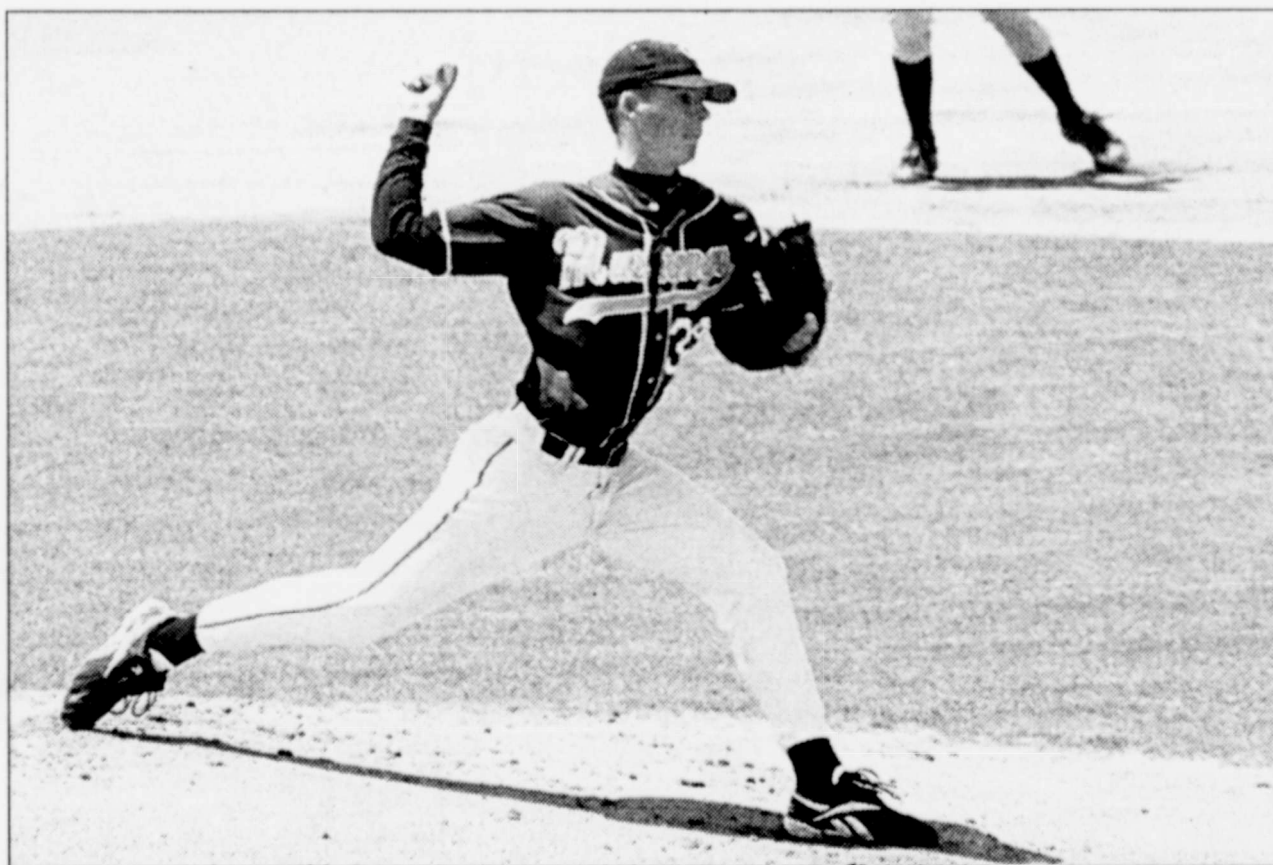
Zirelli's goal is to play for the big league team. But, he thinks the odds are stacked against him.

"If you don't throw your best, there are 40 guys right behind you to take your place," he said. Zirelli also said he most likely will play single A ball. The Giants organization has two single A teams, the San Jose Giants and the Bakersfield Blaze.

Zirelli would like to play for the San Jose team in his hometown.

One worry that Zirelli has about

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Former Cal Poly pitchers Jeremy Cunningham, left, and Mike Zirelli head to Arizona today to join the San Francisco Giants for spring training. Both players were drafted by the Giants in June.

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MUSTANG DAILY

### Sports Trivia

#### Yesterday's Answer:

The Philadelphia Phillies won their first World Series championship in 1980.

Congrats Darin Vasquez!

#### Today's Question:

Philadelphia 76ers head coach Larry Brown guided which college to an NCAA basketball title?



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### Briefs

#### A's, Brewers play to exhibition tie

PHOENIX (AP) — Davey Lopes managed his first game for the Milwaukee Brewers, and it came to an unusual end: a tie.

Thursday's spring opener for the Brewers and Oakland Athletics was called after 11 innings with the teams at 12-12.

"Finishing in a tie was the furthest thing from my mind. This isn't hockey," said Lopes, hired as Milwaukee's manager last November following eight years as a major league assistant and a 16-year career as a player.

"But it was nice to get out there and start managing. That felt good. A lot of good things happened. It was the first game. Sometimes we weren't as sharp as we could be, but we'll eliminate the mistakes as we go along."

Milwaukee starter Jason Bere, signed to a minor league contract by the Brewers last August, pitched two scoreless innings, allowing one hit.

Oakland starter Tim Hudson, 11-2 as a rookie last season, allowed one run and two hits in two innings and struck out four.

### Schedule

#### SATURDAY

- Baseball vs. Temple University
  - in SLO Stadium
  - 10 a.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Cal State Fullerton
  - at Fullerton
  - 2 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Temple University
  - in SLO Stadium
  - 2 p.m.
- Men's basketball vs. Long Beach State
  - in Mott Gym
  - 7 p.m.
- Track and Field at Stanford Tri-Meet
  - at Palo Alto